8 2000 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicant: Paul McIntosh ArtUnit: 3617 Serial No. 09/418,103 Examiner: Sotelo, J. Filed: 10/14/99 For: **DEFLECTING** Attorney PROPELLER GUARD Ref. No.: P112459 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in **BOX RESPONSE** an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 2021 Commissioner for Patents en date shown below. US Patent and Trademark office person mailing paper Washington, DC 20231 RESPONSE This is in response to the Office Action mailed this last March 23, 00. A response was due this last June 23, 00. A one-month extension of time is hereby requested to make the present response due on July 24, 00 (July 23 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed in payment of the extension fee. It is believed that no other fee is due at this time. However, if such fee is due, please charge this to Deposit Account No. 08-3260. 00000002 083260 「0914最0 08/07/2000 PLEWIS IN THE SPECIFICATION: 01 FC:202 234,00 04 02 FC:126 E40,00 Ca 7, line 21, change "10" to – 11 --. IN THE CLAIMS: Please amend the claims as follows: 1. (amended) A protection and deflection apparatus that is adapted to be mounted in an operating position adjacent to a propeller section of a boat, the

1. (amended) A protection and deflection apparatus that is adapted to be mounted in an operating position adjacent to a propeller section of a boat, the propeller section having a propeller blade portion having an axis of rotation and an outer circumferential path of rotation along which tip portions of the propeller

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